	States/Union Territories	Minimum Wages (Rs. / day)
28.	Tripura	35.00
29.	Uttar Pradesh	47.00
30.	West Bengal	48.14 (with meal) 51.34 (without meal)
31.	Pondicherry	19.25 to 40.20

Contribution to Employees State Insurance

1611. SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the last 19 years from 1977-78 to 1997-98 the contribution of Employees State Insurance to Government of Maharashtra for implementation of E.S.I. Scheme has fallen short and the balance share due from the E.S.I. Corporation is now Rs. 24 Crores; and

(b) why the amount has not been paid so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) Based on the audit report the entire contribution of the ESI Corporation as admissible under the ESI Scheme has since been released to the Government of Maharashtra for the years upto 1993-94 and for 1995-96. In respect of 1994-95, an amount of Rs. 50.00 Lakh has been shown as payable. Action to examine this demand of the State Government has been initiated. The Corporation has also made on-account advance payment of Rs. 35.60 Crore for 1996-97, Rs. 44.90 Crore for 1997-98 and Rs. 54.37 Crore for 1998-99 to the Govt. of Maharashtra. The balance payment as admissible under the scheme will be made as and when the audit certificates from the Government of Maharashtra are received.

Productivity per labour in Western India

†1612. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that productivity per labour in the western part of the country is more in comparison to other parts of the country;

(b) if so, maximum and minimum productivity per labour in the country;

(c) the name of the zones where it is in prevalence; and

(d) the reasons for this gap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) Based on the available information from the Annual Survey of Industries, 1997-98 (latest), a Statement on State-wise net value added per employee for factory sector establishments is given in the Statement (*see* below). The Statement reveals that productivity per labour ranges for Rs. 82312 in Assam to Rs. 873168 in Dadra & Nagar Haveli.

The inter-state variation in labour productivity is mainly because of regional imbalances in terms of climatic conditions, availability of natural resources, infrastructure facilities, investment factors, etc.

Statement

State	Net Value Added/Employee (in Rupees)
Maharashtra	[illegible]
Gujarat	144940
Uttar Pradesh	187162
Tamil Nadu	106157
Andhra Pradesh	96632
West Bengal	116899
Bihar	[illegible]
Karnataka	[illegible]
Madhya Pradesh	[illegible]
Rajasthan	[illegible]
Haryana	[illegible]
Punjab	103208
Orissa	[illegible]
Kerala	[illegible]

State	Net Value Added/Employee (in Rupees)
Delhi	221254
Dadra & NH	873168
Assam	82312

Complaints regarding inhumen treatment of Women Workers

1613. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints regarding inhuman treatment from women workers who had gone to Kuwait;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what action Government have taken to ensure proper monitoring of such workers by our embassies abroad; and

(d) what measures have been taken to see that women workers are not subjcted to such behaviour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) Complaints from women emigrants to Kuwait about ill-treatment and exploitation have been brought to the notice of the Government either through the Indian Mission in Kuwait or the aggrieved workers. The steps taken to solve their problems inter-alia, include the following:—

(i) Emigration of women workers for employment as housemaids and male domestics in Kuwait has been suspended with effect from 4.6.99.

(ii) As and when the workers approach Indian Mission in Kuwait they are provided all possible help.

(iii) With a view to curbing illegal outflow of housemaids, the international check points have been alerted and instructions issued to them for exercising more vigil while examining immigration documents submitted by women emigrants.

(iv) Offices of Protector of Emigrants have been instructed to be more careful while allowing suspension of emigration requirement for Kuwait.